

THE OLD WORLD.

A Crazy Fenian Exhibits His Tools at Birmingham and Goes to Jail.

China Decides to Fight Unless France Recognizes Her Rights.

A Lively Breeze in the German Reichstag on the Question of Duels.

A Large Variety of General Foreign News.

ENGLAND.

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LONDON, June 4.—The Pall Mall Gazette publishes another portion of a letter from the Russian minister, Serebrennikov, in which he declares that a widespread society exists in the Russian army, composed exclusively of officers, and including many colonels of regiments. In regard to the present acquiescence of the minister, he says it would be foolish to attempt a revolt when the enemy is on the alert. An attempt to assassinate the czar might still form the beginning of a revolt or coup d'état, but such an attempt, if itself, he says, is no longer of importance.

The police of Birmingham to-day arrested an avowed Fenian, who declared his intention of making mischief at the Brighton celebration next week. The man is 40 years of age. Since his arrival there he has received letters from America and Paris. He gives his name as George Smith. Previously he had bought fifty cartridges for a large revolver, then entered a tavern, where he displayed the revolver and threatened to disturb the Brighton procession Monday. The police were summoned, and when they arrived Smith was trying his revolver in the tavern yard. He was secured only after a struggle, during which he tried to shoot the officers.

A correspondence from Shanghai telegraphs in the highest authority, that Li Hung Chang, Chinese prime minister and commander of troops in the province, adjacent to Tongkin, declares that unless France recognizes the rights of China in regard to Annam, China is resolved to fight.

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Gladstone declined to answer questions as to whether the services of the Duke of Albany as governor general of Canada had been refused. The government, he said, was aware of the willingness of the duke to render services to his crown and country. He added that this feeling did the duke the highest honor.

Kennard asked whether the government would represent that the registration of a new set of claims at Washington by the Alabama claims commission was in violation of the intentions of the general conference. Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice replied that it was not the intention of the government to interfere in the matter in any way.

GERMANY.

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BERLIN, June 5.—The celebrated Trüben Brewery burned to-day. The story told in the Reichstag has been corroborated since Tuesday last, whether the son of Herr von Kietz, the well known conservative leader, should challenge Richter for the cutting remarks the latter made in the Reichstag on Von Kietz, ridiculing duels which he considered barbarous. He trusts that if any story Hotspur wishes to continue a parliamentary warfare with other weapons inside the house, the law will protect him.

Herr Lasker started for England, whence he goes to America, where he intends to remain five months. A committee of progressists and liberals has been formed with the object of erecting a monument to the late Hermann Schulze, Delitzsch, founder of the system of friendly societies.

BERLIN, June 4.—The statement of the Imperial bank of Germany shows an increase of 5,246,000 marks.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 4.—A new number of the nihilist journal, "The Will of the People," has appeared.

MADRID, June 4.—The minister of foreign affairs has informed the senate he believed the treaty with Chile is already signed and the conditions honorable to both countries.

ROME, June 5.—In execution of the decree issued by Gen. Garibaldi when dictator, the chamber of deputies has approved the bill providing that 8,000,000 lire be annually included in the budget to compensate families ruined by pillage at the hands of the Bourbon troops in the years 1849 and 1860.

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The Authors of Decoration Day Honored at Des Moines.

Correspondence of The Bee.

DES MOINES, June 3.—The democracy of Iowa meets in state convention to-day. The outcome is almost a foregone conclusion. The silk stock-laying will carry off the honors—there are but two—the governorship and the supreme judgeship. The majority of county conventions that have instructed at all, have declared for L. K. Kline, while some have instructed for Clark, Witmer, Augustus, Cusack, Dodge, and Benjamin J. Hall, but neither of these four would take it. Clark could not get it, as he is in favor of the amendment, and opposed to delivering the party to the black-slipped river. It is quite certain that Kline will get the first place on the ticket and Judge L. S. the second, although the southwestern part of the state will push Judge Barton of Van Buren, who is doubtless the better jurist, but he doesn't happen to live in the "Mississippi river saloon belt," and that settles it. The party is determined to make a square issue on the amendment business, as far as the republicans are concerned. The republicans have party into it. If they can, the Carroll county convention voted the ideas of that party as at present constructed when it declared, first, opposition to all summary laws, or any amendment of the constitution looking that way; second, opposition to a resubmission of the amendment; third, opposition to woman suffrage, for the reason that woman's place is at home, and no true woman would suffrage. There will be a strong effort made by the silk stockings to get a free trade plank in the platform, which will bring out the old mackab "tariff for revenue" fellows, and there is likely to be some contest over that matter. The silence of the "bright and glorious" E. L. Campbell in the campaign is ominous, which leads to the conclusion that the old-timers are losing their grip. There is no change in the outlook of the republicans convention. No formidable opposition presents itself against the renomination of Gov. Sherman. But Judge Day seems to be losing ground, and it now seems quite assured he will not be re-nominated, and that solely on the ground that he has had the office two years. The most prominent names mentioned are Judge McMillan of Union county, and Judge Reed, of Putnam county, with McMillan ahead, and it is authoritatively announced that he will accept if nominated. He is a warm personal friend of Judge Day, and, personally, will take no part in the contest. He is simply in the hands of his friends.

THE ORIGIN OF DECORATION DAY.

Decorations day was observed in Des Moines as it never had been observed before. The whole city turned out, evidencing that the fire of patriotism still burns in the hearts of the people, and that the dead heroes are not forgotten. One of the most notable features of the occasion was the presence of two of the five women who originated this most appropriate custom of honoring the dead soldiers by placing flowers on their graves.

The Philadelphia Music Festival Association has decided to hold a festival in 1884, and raised a guarantee fund of \$10,000 to insure its success. The "Oratorio of Elijah" will be presented.

Milwaukee Matters.

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MILWAUKEE, June 4.—In spite of Mayor Snow's veto, the Henney ordinance was adopted by the council to-day by a vote of 25 to 10. It allows saloons to keep open to the council for redress if their licenses are revoked by the mayor, or they are returned one for any cause whatever.

Fred E. Fildes, son of D. C. Fildes, of the chamber of commerce, has been lost in the woods in Ponkwa range, near Ashland, Wis., for five days, having strayed from Engineer Sewell's surveying party while doing work for the Wisconsin Central road. The party have given up work and are scouring the woods with dogs.

Reform in Pennsylvania.

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